

Airco officials say Car deals real

by KYLE STEPHENS
and JEFF RUFFOLO
Staff Writers

will really be able to offer
cut-rate deals on
bikes, a company spokesman

of the programs that our
y has put together will
the goods before any money
red by the consumer," said
L. Quint, national director
of the firm, Tuesday.

According to Quint, Airco, not
ms, is the developer of the
obile program, and Larry
n, who was reported to be
etary of the firm, had no
ty to begin the program as
s he did.

t said his major financial
ge are with the Bank of
e in San Francisco and that
works with the bank's com-
system called Bamtrack,
moves data from one bank
ion to another.

t said interested people can
the Bank of America for
information.
ording to Bill Gorman,
man for Bank of America's
management Division, "Airco
s a checking account with
ank. I don't know what
n it is they are doing."

om said he had never heard
ard Quint.
ntrack is simply a computer
of Bank of America that we
customers," Gorman said.

t said the Airco program
but declined to explain the
us of the program.
y the FBI, the Security and
e Commission, David
n or Ronald Reagan will
xactly how our firm operates,
want to know how it works,"
said.

n just have to believe that the
n is for real, and take a
that what we are saying is
he said.

According to Quint, one of the
ways the program will operate
allows individuals with a good
credit rating to work with a local
lender, and through Airco, to
finance a new car. Quint said Airco
would pay for the monthly interest
rates.

Quint explained that the second
program Airco will offer, is for an in-
dividual to pay the first and last
month's payments for a car in ad-
vance. The individual can obtain
the automobile without any further
payment on the car.

Quint declined to specifically ex-
plain how Airco would pay for the
balance of the car payments. "Any
information regarding Airco and its
operation is classified as proprietary
information," he said.

Quint said if Airco goes under, the
individuals who signed the bank
notes for the car would have to pay
for the remaining balance, as well as
re-financing the remainder of the
note.

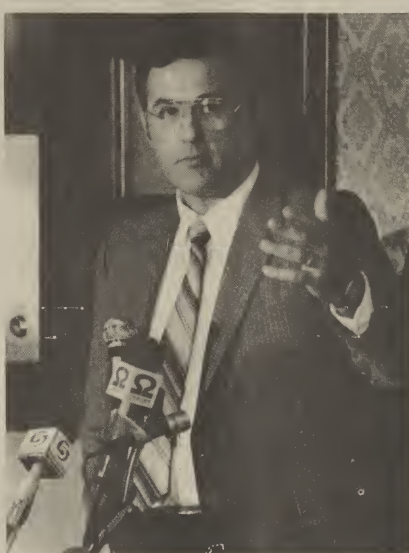
Quint said Airco is an incorpo-
rated firm with headquarters in
Hayward, Calif.

Edith Jacklin, secretary of the
Tax and License Department in
Hayward, said Wednesday, "Airco
has no operating business license in
Hayward, and we have started our
own investigation on the firm."

According to an official at the
Status Division of the Secretary of
State's office in Sacramento, Airco
is not listed as a corporation in
California.

J.W. Bush, investigative consul-
tant of the Better Business Bureau
of Utah Valley, said, "Working with
the state of California, we have
found no information ascertaining
that Airco is an incorporated firm."

Bill Aaron, manager of the Provo
office of Merrill Lynch who atten-
ded the news conference said,
"You'll never see the program work.
It is theoretical; I can guarantee
that the Airco program will never
fly."



Richard Quint of Airco held a press conference Wednesday after-
noon to explain the relationship between Airco and Dataforms of
Provo. Quint told the audience the company was really going to of-
fer cars for a cut-rate price.

Quint repeatedly said during the
news conference that he had
scheduled a meeting with FBI of-
ficials Tuesday evening and that he
would explain to them behind
closed doors exactly what the
program is about.

Loren Brooks, special agent of the
FBI in Salt Lake City said, "We will
not confirm or deny that we had an
interview with Quint."

Quint said Airco plans to work

with more than 1,500 financial con-
sultants nationwide to put the
program into effect around Aug. 1.

Swensen, who established
Dataforms in Provo, said he will be
returning all of the funds his office
has taken in during the past two
weeks, if the investors want their
money back.

Quint said, "The FBI would kill
us if we were scamming you peo-
ple."

Swensen testifies before grand jury

Larry Swensen, secretary of
Dataforms of Provo, appeared
before a federal grand jury Wed-
nesday, and surrendered con-
fidential company papers to
federal officials.

Swensen was subpoenaed
before the grand jury last week by
FBI official Jay Brooks.

"No indictments were handed
down against Swensen," said
federal prosecuting attorney
Steward Walz.

"I believe Brooks and other FBI
officials met with Richard Quint
of Airco Tuesday," Swensen said.

Quint is the national marketing
director of Airco, a California firm
that will be offering cut-rate
automobile discounts to in-
dividuals beginning in early
August.

According to Swensen, FBI of-
ficials began their investigation of
Dataforms more than a week and
a half ago because of public
pressure.

"Wednesday's grand jury in-
vestigation was a part of their
review of our firm," Swensen said.

According to Swensen, 16 peo-
ple had actually given his com-
pany money as car down pay-
ments. He said he will be awaiting
further information and instruc-
tions from Airco.

"I will be keeping in touch with
Airco every day to see where we
need to go on the programs they
want pushed," he said.

Swensen said when the national
program goes into effect, he ex-
pects to be a part of the national
marketing of Airco.

Economy slips in GNP output

WASHINGTON (AP) — The
economy stumbled to a second-
quarter decline in output, heighten-
ing chances of a recession in Presi-
dent Reagan's first year in office,
the government reported Wednes-
day.

The administration quickly
blamed former President Carter and
the Federal Reserve.

The inflation-adjusted gross
national product — the market
value of all goods and services — fell
at an annual rate of 1.9 percent in
the April-June quarter, a sharp turn-
about from the robust first-quarter
growth rate of 8.6 percent, the Com-

merce Department reported.

In a press briefing shortly after
the figures were released, Com-
merce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige
contended that "this setback is the
result of mismanagement of
economic policy during 1980."

He said credit controls imposed
by President Carter and the Federal
Reserve Board plunged the economy
into a severe recession early last
year and then Carter and the federal
government overreacted by easing
up too much and too soon, re-
igniting inflation as well as
economic activity.

"As last year's excesses have
faded and the impact of monetary
restraint has taken hold, the
economy has lost its forward
momentum," Baldrige said.

Private analyst Lawrence
Chimerine, chairman of Chase
Econometrics in La Jolla, Pa.,
said there was "a little truth" in the
contention that last year's govern-
ment actions magnified both the
economy's downturn and its quick
recovery.

But he said the current, rather
stagnant state of the economy
probably would not be greatly dif-
ferent if credit controls had not been
imposed in the spring of last year.

Economists inside and outside
government agree that the govern-
ment's current tight credit
restraints have contributed to the
new weakening of the economy. But
Baldrige said the administration
wants Federal Reserve Chairman
Paul Volcker and other federal
governors to stick to their guns this
time as a way of fighting inflation,
despite the cost to credit-sensitive
industries such as housing and
construction.

"The months ahead are likely to
be difficult for business," Baldrige
acknowledged.

ASBY absentees under fire

by RALPH STEVENSON and JAY EVENSEN
Staff Writers

change in the ASBY bylaws is needed in order to keep
the Executive Council from leaving their offices
the summer term in the hands of non-elected ap-
pointees to represent them, vote for them and sometimes
spend funds for them, according to Marc Francis, ASBY
general.

Francis said council members are required to be on campus
except summer term, but the bylaws make no provi-
sion how their offices will be run in their absence.

Francis said council members have been following a precedent
the Executive Council president in 1979.

Francis said in 1979 went home during the summer term
and a friend to take his place until the fall. Francis said
then, all the council members who are leaving have
squared to leave a memo naming their replacement."

Francis, administrative adviser to the council, sent a
memo to the council, ASBY Social Office vice president,
in which she expressed concern over the procedure.

Francis said the voting positions are open only to those who are
by the student body, I have some serious reservations

about these students who serve in the stead of an absent officer
having voting power," Miss Quick said in the memo.

Miss Quick advised Haws to make a clarification in the
bylaws and/or constitution concerning the matter.

Miss Quick said she feels the council has set a dangerous
precedent in allowing non-elected officers to vote. "I think the
intent of the constitution is not being followed by allowing non-
elected representatives of elected officers to spend ASBY
money," she said.

Haws said the appointed officers are also eligible to receive
stipends for their service on the council.

He said the absence of council members has become a big
issue this summer because never have so many officers been
away when there have been so many important things to work
on.

Haws said four council members have been gone at various
times this summer. Two of them, Mike Thompson, vice presi-
dent of the social office; and Sue Doughty, vice president of
student community services, have been gone for more than
three weeks. Amy Webb, vice president of culture, will be ab-
sent the entire summer term.

Jeff Andrus, athletics vice president, said he has been work-
ing for two weeks and is not certain if he will receive his sum-
mer stipend. Andrus had turned over his responsibilities for

the past two weeks to his administrative assistant, Wayne
Passey.

Francis said council members feel uncomfortable with ap-
pointed representatives because they have no communication
with those they represent and often their views are completely
different.

He said he feels as soon as the council is assembled in the fall
it will change the bylaws to state that officers must be on
campus year-round and that no non-elected officers may vote
on matters of council business.

"This will be one of the first items of business in the fall,"
Francis said.

Francis said a quorum of the voting members of the council
is required to conduct business. If appointed members were not
allowed to vote during the summer term, the council would be
unable to function because of the number of absent members.

Haws said he wants council members to be required to
remain at BYU the entire year. "What has happened is that
BYU has become a year-round university requiring a year-
round student government," he said.

Not all of the absent council members have left a memo
authorizing their replacements this summer. Haws said he will
not recognize the votes of the unauthorized replacements.

Barry Manilow coming to Y



By PAMELA JO GREEN
Entertainment Editor

Barry Manilow, the man who
writes the songs, will be singing
them Sept. 17 in the Marriott
Center, and, according to Michael
Thompson, ASBY Social Office
vice president, "There will not be
a bad seat in the house."

Manilow will not be having a
warm-up group, but will play for
two hours with a 20-minute break
in between," Thompson said.
Thompson said most other groups
contract for only 50 minutes of
playing.

To take advantage of the
Marriott Center's capacity,
arrangements have been made for
Manilow to perform "in-the-
round."

"Manilow's technical people
have been out here to work with
Marriott technicians. They have a
round, rotating, three-level stage
which will give everyone a good
view of the show," Thompson
said.

The technicians have also
arranged to have all the lights and
sound — weighing 42,000 pounds —
hung from the ceiling. This will
allow more floor space for more
floor seats, he said.

"Tickets for all seats will cost
\$12.50. "That is a discounted
price," said Thompson.
"Manilow's tickets usually go for
\$15 or \$20." The lower price is
possible because the Marriott
Center is larger than many other
arenas, he said.

Tickets can be purchased
through mail order starting today.
Ticket forms are available in The
Universe (see page 5) and can be

mailed to the Marriott Center or
brought to the drop box at the
Marriott Center ticket office.
There is an eight-ticket limit per
order.

Thompson emphasized that or-
ders taken to the drop box will not
receive priority over those mailed
in. "This is strictly for conveni-
ence only," he said.

Thompson said that because
many students are not at BYU
during the summer, 8,000 tickets
will be reserved until the fall,
many of them located in the best
sections of the Marriott Center.
Those tickets probably will not be
distributed through mail order
because of lack of time, but how
they will be distributed has not
yet been determined, he said.

For those students who want to
get as close to the stage as possi-
ble, Thompson recommended stu-
dents mail in their orders early.
Monday, ticket officials will open
the orders received and begin
mailing out the tickets.

"Our goal is to have all the
tickets mailed back by the time
the term is over to avoid hassles
with people moving," Larry Duf-
fin, promotional manager of
special events, said.

The time of the concert has not
yet been confirmed, Thompson
said, but they are hoping for an
early evening hour because the
performance will be on a Thurs-
day night.

"This will be one of the biggest
shows ever on this campus. I ex-
pect it to sell out within a week,"
Thompson said.

J.C. McNeil and ASBYU are
sponsoring the concert.

Senate delays Lee approval

By STEVE EATON
and NOLAN CRABB
Senior Reporters

Confirmation of Rex Lee, dean of
BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School,
as solicitor general has been delayed
by opposition, according to Paul
Smith, press secretary for Sen.
Orin Hatch, R-Utah.

Smith said Lee was to have been
confirmed in a voice vote by the
Senate this week. But as a result of
opposition from Senators Edward
Kennedy, D-Mass., and Howard
Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, Lee's confir-
mation may not come until
sometime next week.

"Lee's name was placed on the
Senate's consent calendar," Smith
explained. "If one senator is op-
posed to the nomination, he may
request the name removed from the
calendar. Now, instead of a voice
vote which would have taken place,
Lee will have to be approved by a
roll-call vote."

Members of the Utah Con-
gressional delegation said they are
not alarmed about the delay in
Lee's confirmation.

"The opposition lacks general
support in the Senate," said Sen.
J. Mike Smith, R-Utah. "This is merely
an empty gesture on the part of
Kennedy and Metzenbaum. There
is a strong feeling in the Senate that
Lee's nomination will be approved."

Rep. Dan Marriott, R-Utah,
agreed with Garm's assessment. "As
long as I've been here, there has

always been some group or other in
opposition to the issues, whatever
the issues are. I don't think any
group has enough power to oppose
Lee's nomination effectively."

Ted Stewart, administrative
assistant to Rep. Jim Hansen, R-
Utah, said the senators' opposition
is a show for their
constituency.

"I'm confident Lee will come
through this just fine," Stewart
said. "I attended the hearings and I
can assure you Sen. Hatch asked
Lee tougher questions than any of
the Democrats on the committee."

Hatch's press secretary confirmed
Stewart's views.

"This opposition is a final chance
for Kennedy and Metzenbaum to
wave their flags in front of their sup-
porters. All they want to do is to say,
'Well, we tried to oppose him. We
may have lost, but we really tried.'
There's really nothing to the opposi-
tion that we have to worry about."

Kathy Kishman, assistant press
secretary to Metzenbaum, said with
only two senators opposing Lee,
Metzenbaum did not think Lee's
nomination would be withdrawn.

"He just wants a chance to make his
views known on the Senate floor."

Neither Kennedy nor his press
secretary were available for com-
ment. Officials of the National
Organization of Women, who have
officially opposed Lee's confir-
mation, were also unavailable for com-
ment.



Sports

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Y's Roberts leads U.S.

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — BYU's Fred Roberts scored 22 points to lead the U.S. team to an easy 104-70 win over South Korea in the World University Games.

The win assures the U.S. team continued

play in the winners bracket and a chance in the team title.

Meanwhile, another BYU athlete — distance runner Doug Padilla — runs tonight in the semi-final heat of the 5,000 meter run. If he places well, he'll run in the final Sunday.

Chinese men won five gold medals in gymnastics at the World University Games Wednesday, but threatened to leave the competition after the Soviet Union contested scores for the third consecutive night.

Nick Nevad of the University of Texas won a gold medal in the men's 100-meter breaststroke, and Angelika Knipping of West Germany took the 100-meter breaststroke title.

Gold medals went to Americans Mel Lattany in the 100-meter dash (10.18 seconds), Leo Williams in the high jump (7 feet, 4 inches) and David Lee in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles (48.05 seconds).

Willie Banks, the American record holder in the triple jump, pulled a hamstring and had to watch while Zhenxian Zhou of China took the gold medal with a Games record leap of 56-10. Banks held the old record (56-61.4).

The day's drama was centered on the chaotic gymnastics competition.

Two Chinese coaches, instead of an athlete, had taken the victory stand to receive a bronze medal to protest a scoring change in women's team gymnastics.



BYU's Fred Roberts, shown in action against Colorado State last season, led the United States team with 22 points in its 104-70 lopsided win over South Korea in the World University Games Wednesday in Romania. The win assures the United States continued play in the winners' bracket with a chance at the team title.

Prolonged strike hurting businesses near ballparks

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the major league baseball strike continues, hard times are coming to many businesses near major league ballparks.

Dun and Bradstreet, one of the nation's top financial analysis companies, said 58 percent of those businesses located near strike idled ballparks have been adversely affected by lack of walkup trade usually associated with baseball crowds.

Meanwhile, the secrecy-shrouded efforts to end the major league baseball strike continued Wednesday as both sides met face-to-face for 90 minutes, but there was no indication of what was accomplished.

Kenneth Moffett, acting head of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, surprised reporters by announcing that the two sides had met face-

to-face. Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan attended the session.

The meeting began less than an hour after Moffett announced that the two sides had failed to meet face-to-face during five hours of morning sessions.

Moffett said the two

sides, along with Donovan, would return to negotiations Tuesday.

Donovan said the morning session that "talks are continuing," but lo-gram as he and Moffett entered a restaurant for lunch.

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Caution urged by officials for river running in tubes

It's summer, and many BYU students are climbing into their shorts, sneakers and over-inflated inner-tubes and discovering the sport of running the Provo River.

According to Utah County Sheriff Mack Holley, tubing down the Provo River is legal, but it can be dangerous. "A few years ago there were several drownings there. We had an educational campaign to point out the dangers," he said.

According to Holley, narrow parts of the river get plugged up with debris, which causes tubers to fall off of their tubes. "You can get knocked down, and it's hard to get out of the water — it's dangerous," he said. Other department officials explained that people who fall off their tubes can hit their heads, become unconscious and drown.

"Novices shouldn't go down the Provo River at all until they have gotten training in less turbulent water," Holley said.

Equipment for tubing down the river basically consists of a large truck or tractor in-tube, tennis shoes, sunscreen and a stick to help maneuver the tube. Safety equipment recommended by the Sheriff's Department also includes a life-jacket and a light-weight plastic helmet for head protection.

Tubers can save themselves a lot of walking if they take two



The summer draws many tubing enthusiasts to the Provo River. Officials encourage river runners to be safely minded.

cars up the river. One car can take the people and the tubes to the starting point of the river run while the other car could be used to pick up the tubes and tubers at the end of the run.

BYU students Sylvia Lucas and Desiree Maurin took their dates down the Provo River on tubes for Preference because it was something different to do.

Another BYU student and tuber, Dayle

Easton, said, "I like to tube because I don't know how to swim."

The basic tubing style consists of simply sitting in the hole of the tube and just flowing with the currents. Some tubers prefer stacking two tubes atop each other and riding on top. Maurin said, "I just hang on for life."

James Stormer, a junior from San Diego majoring in business administration, is a tubing enthusiast who has had both good and bad experiences while running rivers. On one of his trips, a friend of his cracked her tailbone on a rock. But he said he still participates in the sport.

Tubing can be a good way to relax and enjoy the scenery, whether it be the canyon walls or

just other tubers who float by.

"This is one of the more foolish things I've done for some time," said Stormer, "It's cold."

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lights go out on Utah Symphony

By BRENT A. DUNCAN Staff Writer

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Most of the evening in Symphony Hall went as planned. Directed by Robert Henderson, the symphony and choral

performed many favorites from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" and "Oklahoma!"

The audience of almost 2,800 was treated to a surprise

when vocalists, Susan Deauvono, Laura Garf, Glade Peterson and Don Becker broke traditional symphony custom by entering the stage in western style clothes and cowboy hats to sing selections from "Oklahoma!"

good time but some of the Utah Symphony employees felt differently about the situation. "It was scary," said an usher. "The emergency generator didn't come on immediately and we

didn't have any flashlights. It would have almost been impossible to get all these people out of here."

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Commentary

Investigations find no NCAA violations by 'Y' athletic teams

During the past few years, many universities have been accused (and convicted) of breaking various laws with regard to their athletic programs. New Mexico, California, Michigan and even Utah harbor schools which came under attack. It seems the phrase "winning is everything" has taken on a literal meaning as more and more schools seem to be willing to do anything to win. Students and



fans of BYU can be proud, however, that this university has been able to build a winning contingent of athletic teams apparently without resorting to illegal or unethical tactics.

In two separate investigations done by The Universe, no evidence of NCAA rule violations was found. One investigation involved a BYU basketball player and the other a former BYU football standout. While in each case the personal conduct of the individual players was questionable, our investigations established that no coaches, trainers, teams or university administration were involved.

University policy stipulates that athletes are not to be given preferential treatment by staff or faculty, and this regulation seems to be strictly adhered to. W. Rolfe Kerr, executive vice president of BYU, told a Universe reporter that although athletes may sometimes be given special consideration because administrative personnel are human and succumb to hero worship just like anyone else, it is imperative that athletes who violate university standards be treated like other students.

This type of attitude is far better than the win at any cost school of thought, and it demonstrates the type of sportsmanship we hope is prevalent at BYU. The Universe hopes BYU can maintain its winning tradition during this year's coming football and basketball seasons, and more importantly, we hope all BYU athletic teams can maintain a tradition of obeying NCAA regulations and of not seeking or giving special favors as a reward for physical abilities.

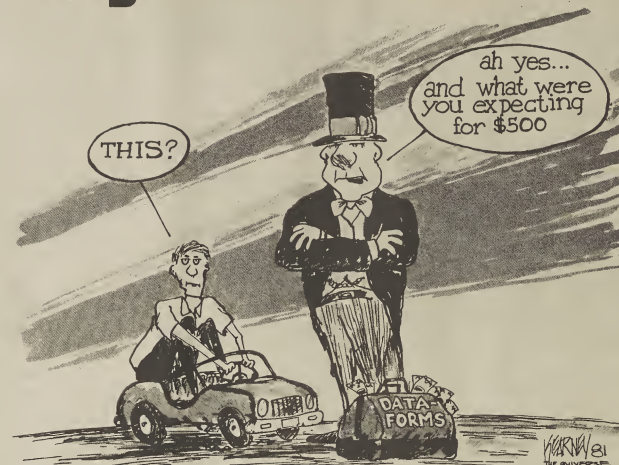
BYU sports teams are to be congratulated for remembering that how one plays the game is at least as important as winning during a period when many other universities seem to have forgotten the principles of fairness.

Academics Office sets student-minded example

On the day both ASBYU's president and vice president leave for a week in Washington, D.C., at an astronomical cost of \$1,370 to BYU students, we applaud the ASBYU Academics Office for cost-effectively sending a representative to next month's International Platform Association conference in Washington, D.C.

The ASBYU Executive Council voted Thursday to send Academics Office worker Shane McConnell, who is in New York for the summer, to the conference at a cost of only \$340. Information from the speakers at the IPA conference will indeed lend a helpful hand to the Office, and sending a representative is justified. By looking for the most inexpensive mode of getting benefit from the conference, the Academics Office has saved students hundreds of dollars, unlike other ASBYU decisions which have sent needless money to vacation-like conferences and sporting events at a cost of thousands of ASBYU dollars.

The Universe encourages the rest of ASBYU to follow this student-minded example set by the Academics Office.



Baseball owners avoid just solutions to strike

When the baseball strike began over a month ago, sympathy seemed pretty evenly divided between the players and the owners.

At this stage of the game, however, it seems any such concern for the owners should be thrown out the window.

Baseball's owners have been arguing the ill effects of high-salaried players when evidence points to the fact that the high salaries are actually helping the game.

Baseball's owners have made claims that high salaries are hurting them financially but they continue to encourage signings of multi-million dollar free agents.

Baseball's owners haven't moved from their basic bargaining position when the strike began — that they be given a major league player whenever they lose one. They even rejected a possible solution by an impartial mediator. Their position is becoming more and more untenable.

Two things are clearly emerging from this strike — the owners are trying to bust the players' union and they will settle the strike only when they want to.

Why the owners would want to provoke a strike over the issue of free agency — which has been responsible for the game's high salaries and current popularity — is hard to fathom.

One of the major complaints of the owners and some fans is that players are overpaid. It's a complaint that should be addressed.

Baseball players are not overpaid in relation to other professional athletes — whether or not pro athletes are overpaid is another matter.

One should realize a few things about salaries in professional sports. The time an athlete spends in the major leagues is short and the high salary the athlete receives will only be awarded him for a few seasons. Afterwards, the athlete will have to begin a second career at a later age putting him at a disadvantage in the job market.

Many professional baseball players have not attended college because baseball doesn't have a strong collegiate system for development. Those players are at a further disadvantage.

A professional athlete who is hot — such as Fernando Valenzuela — can fill a stadium and pay for his season's salary in just one night after ticket prices and parking and concession revenues are figured in. If the athlete turns his team from a non-contender to a contender other amenities like increased advertising revenue and playoff appearances will accrue.

Although baseball players command high salaries they also bring their employers high amounts of revenue.

These athletes are at the top of

their profession in a highly competitive field and should be paid accordingly. There are always others waiting to take their jobs after a misjudged fly ball or a poorly pitched game.

Finally, there are the philosophical arguments about freedom in player movement. A player, like any other person in the labor force, should be allowed to seek the highest salary he can earn in a free market situation by selecting those he wants to work for and the place he wants to work.

He should not be moved about, at the whims of his owner, like a head of cattle.

Many fans are tired of reading stories about the baseball strike on the sports page, where box scores used to be, and hearing reports about negotiations occupying the time slot the major league game of the week used to occupy when there was still a baseball season.

In their frustrations, many are wondering whom to blame — the players or the owners.

This column should leave little doubt. In their frustrations, many are wondering whom to blame — the players or the owners.

Many fans have recommended a boycott of their own, if you will, a boycott of future games.

—Ric Jensen

Although it's a good idea it's doubtful that many fans would go along with it. You see, some die-hard fans — unlike the owners — love the game too much.

—Kyle Stepher

Next year's class gift suggested

Surveys are taken, responses tallied and two or three items are finally selected. This activity signifies that it must be time for the ASBYU Executive Council to again consider what the class gift is going to be.

This year, after much work and debate, it was finally decided that the allotted \$12,000 would be spent to purchase lighting equipment illuminating the 'Y'.

Most would agree that it is uncommon for people to complain about the way the class gift money is eventually spent. But the problem is soon forgotten, the year quickly passes, and all of a sudden it's time to select a new class gift again.

Why not begin to consider right now how next year's class gift money will be used?

To appease the music lovers campus, the money could be used to purchase the complete Elvis Presley record collection for the ELVY stereo listening room.

BYU performers, particularly Concerts Impromptu winners could be treated to a one-week all-expense-paid trip to Las Vegas.

The controversy created because the parents in the family life staff only have one child could be solved by adding two or three little stat children to the masterpiece. Statu don't come cheap, you know.

Then there are ideas that would serve to benefit the entire student body. Something that has long been discussed by several ASBYU political candidates is the installation of miniature electrified fences along all campus sidewalks. The purpose of the tiny fences would, of course, be to keep the worms when it rains.

And surely no student would oppose the use of the purchase of a thermostat (one that actually works) the Harold B. Lee Library.

In view that we'll soon see the "Y" lighted via this year's class gift we might even want to take the idea of stop farther. Instead of just installing typical white lights, additional colored lights should also be purchased.

Depending on the time of the year, these different colored lights would be purchased for special occasions.

For St. Patrick's day, green lights would be used. For Valentine's Day, pink lights, and for the Fourth of July, red, white and blue. And Christmas, of course, red and green.

Finally, if there is any money left over, who would oppose buying new suits of clothes for that indelible fellow who so faithfully guards the east side of the library?



Dump defended

Editor:

As a former Universe staff member, I was surprised and embarrassed for The Universe when I saw the editorial and cartoon criticizing Provo City's proposed fill site in Provo canyon.

The cartoon showed a garbage truck spilling debris all over the canyon. These editorial efforts were obviously follow-ups to other media coverage on the site, including an article in The Daily Herald a few days earlier.

My objection to the editorial and cartoon is that they were inaccurate and that, worst of all, no one at The Universe called our office to ask questions or get information to justify allegations made in The Universe.

I had a nice visit with Jeff Ruffolo of The Universe staff, but his visit was several days after the editorial appeared in the paper. His subse-

quent story did nothing to clarify the editorial error.

The editorial disapproved of Provo City putting garbage in the area. As I explained to Mr. Ruffolo, the city will use the area for filling with dirt, rocks, concrete and other inert materials. No garbage will be disposed of on this site.

The piece also scolded Provo City for undermining a recreation-al/academic site. It made no mention of the fact that the reason the site is being filled is to establish a city/county recreational area which must be filled to achieve the site's recreational potential.

It is evident no one from The Universe visited the site; a visual perspective could have answered many questions raised in the editorial.

As a student reporter, I was taught to check my sources and get additional information for my stories. To take second-hand information and then develop an editorial position based on incorrect

assumptions certainly undermines The Universe as an opinion maker and an objective news source.

David F. Gunn
Director of Public Services
Provo City

Ms. President?

Editor:

What's wrong with a woman for president?

Carrie Waisman
Long Island, N.Y.

Find new guide

Editor:

Regarding Carolyn Dunbar's sentiments on the way professional women are often treated in your articles, I wholeheartedly agree with her! I suggest The Universe use something other than the AP manual as their guide.

Stanley E. Paulsen
Spanish Fork

To the editor:

Disco, punk: the same old junk

I've served a mission, graduated from BYU and even remained stalwart in my Virgin Lips Club membership, but I'm still a failure. Despite my achievements, there's one thing I lack to become a success among BYU coeds: eurythmic dexterity.

Believe me, dancing just isn't my forte. And it really wouldn't bother me, but I've found that since I can't make the moves on the dance floor, I seldom get the chance to make any moves elsewhere.

I guess it all began in 1977 when disco started to get big. Everyone here in the states was swinging with the West Coast to the tune of "Stayin' Alive," as I, Book of Mormon in hand, was just doing my best to stay alive in the jungles of Guatemala whilst being pursued by hostile natives (you know the type — Laman and Lemuel's kids).

I still remember my second day home from my mission when my friends suggested we go see "Saturday Night Fever." I couldn't remember any acquaintance by the

name of Saturday, but instead of admitting my ignorance, I replied: "He's long he had sick ways?"

Then there was that fateful night of my first post-mission Preference date. She just had to take me to the Star Palace. I really looked out of place with my 2-year-old Mr. Mac suit and Nunn Bush shoes. But when I saw my old buddy Ken Bush there with 3-inch short yellow double-knit bellbottoms and a matching purple shirt, I didn't feel so bad. Neither of us knew any kind of hustle or swing, so we ended up choking down our dates' favorite home-cooked (I hope it was cooked) meal, blowing five bucks on corsages and putting up with an incessant disco beat without hope of any osculatory gratuity whatsoever. I'm no quitter though, so it was on to Intro, to Social Dance — a sure way to hit it big with the foxy coeds and crush my dancing fears, I thought. Unfortunately, the only things I ended up crushing were my partner's toes. And as far as hitting it big with the foxy coeds, let's just

say my car (the small one with the worn shocks) and I are still single.

But thank heavens for the progress we've made since those days of structured steps and decent music. With the advent of the inspiring sounds of Devo and the B-52's, I definitely found my niche on the dance floor.

Sure, the lyrics are inane and the noise cacophonous, but at last I can make a fool of myself on the dance floor and make people think I know how to dance.

The Jello, the Worm, you name it. When it comes to new wave and punk dances, this kid knows the throws. No more holding up the wall for me, unless they make it a dance.

So look for me this Saturday night in the Ballroom. I'll be the one wearing the 3-inch short yellow bellbottoms and a matching purple shirt (thanks Ken) as I roll on the floor to the tune of Rock Lobster.

—Michael Morris

Horse sacred cow of the West

India has the sacred cow.

The western United States has the sacred horse. Perhaps it was the important role horses played in taming this wild country that gave this beast such an endearing spot in our culture. What other nation on earth would make national heroes out of characters such as the Lone Ranger's trusty steed "Silver" and Roy Rogers' beloved "Trigger," or produce a T.V. show starring a horse such as "Mr. Ed"?

While these fine animals have entertained generations of Americans, the fact of the matter is, a horse is a horse, of course, of course . . .

We Americans think nothing of raising cows, pigs, sheep or even innocent turkeys for the sole purpose of slaughtering and consuming them. Our great-grandfathers nearly wiped out every buffalo on the face of the continent without so much as batting an eyelid. But when the Bureau of Land Management announced an increase in the price of horses sold in its Adopt-A-Horse program, a number of groups, including the Humane Society, began hollering because this increase just might possibly mean the death of a few wild horses each year which are not purchased.

This seems to be a bit of a double standard. There is no real difference, in today's world, between a cow and a horse, especially a wild horse.

Every year thousands of wild horses need to be rounded up and removed from the wilderness of the west where they are disturbing the other animals which need that land to graze. These horses are serving no good purpose. It is good to place them up for adoption, but, instead of mourning over those

which are not purchased and must be terminated, we should look at some of the positive alternatives.

In many countries around the world, including the one in which I served my mission, horse meat is a normal part of the daily diet. It is inexpensive, and, I might add, quite tasty.

I must admit I was a little averse to the idea of horse meat myself when an investigator first confronted me with it.

"Horse steak?" I cried, "That's like eating your car!"

Most Americans probably react this way because of the undue reverence we have given this animal in our traditions and folklore. Although people often announce that they are hungry enough to eat a horse, few of them actually follow through.

After all, the Lone Ranger would never eat Silver, no matter how hungry he was, and who wants to sit down to a meal with thoughts of Mr. Ed screaming for mercy?

The Wild Horses and Burros act of 1971 states that these animals "shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment or death." No animals should be harassed, but capture, branding and death should not be permitted for some animals and forbidden for others.

Americans need to overcome the sacred horse syndrome and recognize these animals as acceptable alternatives to beef in today's inflation-fighting world.

Perhaps, if horse meat became more acceptable, the price of a Big Mac would even go down.

—Jay Evensen

